Remarks

A. Claim Amendments

This Preliminary Amendment is being made to place the claims into a more

conventional U.S. format.

B. Replacement Sheets

Replacement sheet 1 adds reference character 5g. Support for this amendment can

be found on page 22. Replacement sheet 4 adds reference character 21. Support for this

amendment can be found on page 23.

B. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in

condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions

of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition,

appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-

2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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